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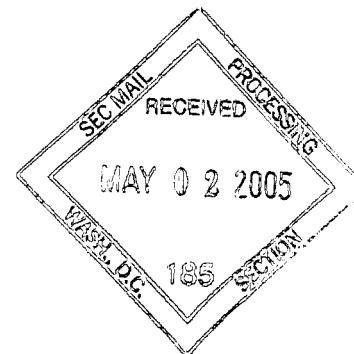
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April 27, 2005

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Re: Electrocomponents plc – Exemption pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b)
promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended
SEC File No. 82-34672
Our File No. 018-031-00222

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the undertaking of Electrocomponents plc, a public limited company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales (the "Company"), to furnish the Securities and Exchange Commission with certain information described in its request for an exemption from Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), as more fully set forth in the Company's letter to the Commission dated July 25, 2002, and received by the Commission on July 29, 2002, the Company hereby submits the following:

April 27, 2005 Stock Exchange Announcement – Notification of Substantial Shareholder

The Company understands that pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) the information and document furnished hereby will not be deemed to be "filed" with the Commission or otherwise subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, and that neither this letter nor the furnishing of such information and document constitute an admission for any purpose that the Company is subject to the Exchange Act.

Please acknowledge your receipt of this letter, and of the enclosed material from the Company, by date-stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to the undersigned in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed return envelope.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (301) 230-5208.

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Very Truly Yours,

SHULMAN, ROGERS, GANDAL,
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Enclosure

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REG-Electrocomponents Holding(s) in Company

RNS Number:5862L
Electrocomponents PLC
27 April 2005

ELECTROCOMPONENTS PLC ("the Company")

NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 198 - COMPANIES ACT 1985

The Company received notification on 26th April 2005 in accordance with Section 198 of the Companies Act that Silchester International Investors Limited has a notifiable interest in 48,144,024 Ordinary Shares of 10p each in the Company, which represents 11.06% of the total issued share Capital of the company. Within this holding it is noted that Silchester International Investors International Value Equity Group Trust has a holding of 13,110,600 Ordinary Shares, which represents 3.01% of the total issued share capital of the Company.

The Company is informed that the shares to which this notification relates are registered as follows:

	Number of Shares	% held
Silchester International Investors International Value Equity Group Trust	13,110,600	3.01
Silchester International Investors Tobacco Free International Value Equity Trust	2,136,962	0.49
Silchester International Investors International Value Equity Trust	30,967,040	7.11
The Calleva Trust	1,929,422	0.44
Silchester International Investors Limited total	48,144,024	11.06

CARMELINA CARFORA

Group Company Secretary

27 April 2005

This information is provided by RNS
The company news service from the London Stock Exchange
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